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Dear Parents and Carers,

I have a couple of things to share with you about our curriculum development, end of year reports and parents' survey and school finishing time on 20<sup>th</sup> July.

**CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT:**

This academic year the teachers at both schools have worked on developing our school curriculum and assessment. Our aim at both schools is to form a curriculum that is individual, meaningful, motivating and focuses on functional skill development. Skill development in communication, independence and social skills are at the heart of our curriculum.

The curriculum areas are broadly written in development areas such as for example for KS2 at Breakspeare;

**My Thinking**

E.g. previously Maths, Reading, Writing

**My Communication**

E.g. previously Speaking and Listening

**My Physical Development**

E.g. previously PE, Hydro/Swimming

**Myself**

E.g. previously PSED

**My Community**

E.g. previously GE, HI, RE

**How my World Works**

E.g. previously Science, Computing

**My Creativity**

E.g. previously Music, Design and Technology, Art and Design

For Example at Meadow Wood the curriculum areas for formal curriculum are **My Communication, My Thinking, My Creativity, My Wellbeing, My Independence, My Body and My Access.**

These curriculum areas combine different aspects of learning and are named slightly differently at different key stages both at Meadow Wood and Breakspeare. Both schools provide a variety of different pathways for the students at different attainment levels.

We will be organising parents' evenings at both schools during the autumn term, to share our new curriculum structure with you in finer detail.

**END OF YEAR REPORTS:**

As a part of curriculum development we are trialling **a new way on how we report on the students' progress at the end of the academic year**. You will receive your child's end of year curriculum report in early July. The report is written in a format that tells you about learning that is **secure, developing and emerging**. The learning statements in different curriculum areas are written describing steps of learning;

I am beginning to ... = emerging

I am learning to ... = developing

I can ... = secure

**PARENT SURVEY**

Please respond to the parents' survey. The link will be sent to you via email by end of the week. Answering will take only a couple of minutes. Feedback from you helps us to further develop our practice. Thank you!

**AT BOTH SCHOOLS THE HOLIDAY STARTS FOR THE STUDENTS ON FRI 20<sup>TH</sup> JULY AT 1pm**, when the school will close for the students. We will inform transport!

Best wishes,  
Merja